Iron-ore mines in Karnataka

†1051. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether iron-ore mines project in Chikmagalur district of Karnataka has been closed;

(b) if so, since when this project has been closed;

(c) the reasons therefor and the number of people in that region who have become unemployed;

(d) whether mining activity is likely to be restarted in this mine; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Consequent upon the verdict of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Kudremukh iron ore mining project located in Chikmagalur district in Karnataka has been stopped with effect from 1.1.2006. This was earlier being operated in the name of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, now renamed as KIOCL Ltd. Around 1300 direct employees and around 3,500 indirect employees have been affected by closure of the mining operations.

(d) and (e) Restarting of the mining activities cannot be undertaken without specific clearance from the Hon'ble Supreme Court, hence no specific time frame can be fixed for reopening of the mine.

Investment plans in steel sector

1052. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major investment plans in the steel sector in Jharkhand;

(b) the progress made so far;

(c) whether Government has drawn any time bound implementation programme for these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) to (d) The details of major investment plans, present progress and the schedule of implementations in respect of major steel investment proposals in Jharkhand are given below in the table:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No	Name of the Company and Location	Proposed Capacity in MTPA	Estimated Investment Rs. in crore	Date of signing of MoU	Present status and progress	Implementation Programme as per MoU
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Bokaro Steel Plant (Green field project)	Existing - 4.59 Proposed - 5.77	6325.00	—	Orders for major equipments have been placed.	Likely to be completed in 2011-12
2.	M/s. Tata Steel Limited (Green field project), Manoharpur/Chandil	Integrated Steel Plant - 12.00 (in two phases)	42000.00	8.9.2005 Extended upto 07.09.2010	Project at initial stage	The 1st phase will be set up within 36 months to 54 months from the date of receiving all statutory clearances, allotment of iron ore leases and transfer of land, free from all encumbrances.
3.	M/s. Tata Steel Limited (Expansion project), Jamshedpur	Existing - 6.8 Total Integrated Steel Plant - 10.00 (in two phases)	11000.00	8.9.2005 Extended upto 07.09.2010	Partially commissioned from 5.0 mtpa to 6.8 mtpa	Within 24 months of MoU, Tata Steel would submit a DPR, which will lay down the timelines for execution of the 2nd phase of the proposed expansion.
4.	M/s. Arcellor Mittal India Limited, Torpa, Karra, Khunti and Kamdara	Integrated Steel Plant - 12.00 (in two phases)	40000.00	8.10.2005 Extended upto 07.10.2010	Project at initial stage	The 1st phase will be set up within 48 months to 54 months from the date of submission of the DPR.

5.	M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Sonahatu, Ranchi	Integrated Steel Plant - 10.00	35000.00	9.11.2005	Project at initial stage	The plant will be completed in 84 months after grant of land and all statutory clearances.
6.	M/s. Essar Steel Jharkhand Limited, West Singhbhum	Integrated Steel Plant - 6.00	9900.00	6.7.2007	Project at initial stage	Likely to be completed 1st past in 2012-13*
7.	M/s. Jindal Steel and Power Limited, Balkudra, Patratu	Integrated Steel Plant - 6.00	18560.00	8.11.2007	Land acquisition stage	Likely to be completed 1st phase in 2013-14*
8.	M/s. Jindal Steel and Power Limited, Asanboni	Integrated Steel Plant - 5.00	11500.00	5.7.2005	Project at initial stage	The plant will be completed within a period of five years from the handing over of land possession and necessary availability of raw material linkage for the project.
9.	M/s. Ispat Industries Ltd., Govindpur, Karra, Khunti	Integrated Steel Plant - 2.8 (One phase)	6750.00	12.1.2007 Extended up to 12.1.2010	Project at initial stage	Likely to be completed in 2013-14*

*As per information furnished by the respective companies